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Louisiana Catfish Growers Survey

Commercial Catfish growers had sales of 14.9 million dollars during 2005, up 4 percent from the previous year. Water surface acres totaled 6,600, of which 5,500 were being used for foodsize fish and 970 for fingerlings. Last year water surface acres totaled 7,600.

United States Catfish Growers Survey

Catfish growers in the 11 selected states had sales of 482 million dollars during 2005, up slightly from the previous year. The top four states (Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas and Louisiana) accounted for 95 percent of the U.S. total sales. Nationwide sales of all foodsize fish decreased slightly from 2004, to 450 million dollars. Fingerlings and fry sales totaled 24.1 million dollars, an increase of 9 percent from 2004. Sales of stockers totaled 5.99 million dollars in 2005, a 4 percent decrease from the previous year.

By point of first sale, direct sales to processors accounted for 95 percent of the total sales of foodsize fish, while 87 percent of the stocker sales were to other producers. Remaining sales were for recreational use, to live haulers, or for retail, government, or other uses.

The water surface acres being used for catfish production as of January 1, 2006, totaled 170 thousand acres, down 2 percent from the 174 thousand acres used a year earlier. Of the total acres, 6.62 thousand are to be renovated during the period of January 1 to June 30, 2006. An additional 1.33 thousand acres are under construction or expected to be constructed and in use by July 1, 2006. During the period of July 1 through December 31, 2005, the area taken out of production totaled 6.68 thousand acres. As of January 1, 2006, foodfish were produced on 139 thousand acres, fingerling producing acres totaled 22.8 thousand and 4.78 thousand acres were being used for broodfish.

Catfish: Number of Operations, Water Surface and Total Sales

Selected States	Operations		Water Surface		Total Sales – All Sizes	
	January 1 2005[1]	January 1 2006	January 1 2005[1]	January 1 2006	During 2004[1]	During 2005
	--------------Number--------------		----------------Acres----------------		----------------1,000 dollars------------	
Alabama	230	194	25,100	23,500	101,198	97,602
Arkansas	153	132	31,500	32,600	66,618	77,556
California	31	36	1,700	1,500	7,482	7,308
Florida	46	31	650	520	1,139	1,120
Georgia	55	60	1,090	1,300	1,475	2,066
Kentucky	60	34	600	390	1,151	887
Louisiana	**38**	**28**	**7,600**	**6,600**	**14,316**	**14,936**
Mississippi	410	390	101,000	99,000	274,971	268,303
Missouri	24	24	1,320	1,360	1,358	1,723
North Carolina	49	49	2,000	2,100	7,021	6,077
Texas	62	57	1,030	1,500	3,446	4,547
United States	**1,158**	**1,035**	**173,590**	**170,370**	**480,175**	**482,125**

[1] Revised

Pecan: Production, Price and Value of Production

State	All Pecan Production			Utilized Production for 2005 Crops		2005	2005
	Final 2003	Final 2004	Ind 2005	Improved	Native & Seedling	Average Price per Pound, all Pecans	Value of Production
	----------------1,000 Pounds---------------			---------1,000 Pounds---------		----------Dollars---------	-1,000 Dollars-
Alabama	8,000	1,100	4,000	3,200	800	0.900	3,960
Arizona	22,500	14,000	21,000	21,000	---	1.600	33,600
Arkansas	3,800	1,700	2,700	1,500	1,200	1.270	3,420
California	3,700	3,500	3,700	3,700	---	1.620	5,994
Florida	2,100	500	1,000	700	300	1.470	1,470
Georgia	75,000	45,000	70,000	60,000	10,000	1.230	86,000
Kansas	2,000	1,800	3,200	---	3,200	1.300	4,160
Louisiana	**20,000**	**9,000**	**4,000**	**1,000**	**3,000**	**1.100**	**4,400**
Mississippi	7,000	1,000	800	700	100	1.440	1,150
Missouri[1]	---	---	2,000	200	1,800	1.230	2,452
New Mexico	55,000	39,000	62,000	62,000	---	1.800	111,600
North Carolina	2,500	100	1,700	1,400	300	0.874	1,485
Oklahoma	6,000	28,000	16,000	2,000	14,000	1.690	27,000
South Carolina	4,500	1,100	2,500	2,000	500	1.220	3,050
Texas	70,000	40,000	65,000	50,000	15,000	1.700	110,700
United States	**282,100**	**185,800**	**259,600**	**209,400**	**50,200**	**1.540**	**400,441**

[1]Estimates began in 2005.

U.S. Pecan Production

The February end-of-season estimate for the 2005 crop is 259.6 million pounds, up 40 percent from the 2004 crop. Improved varieties are expected to account for 209 million pounds of the total while native and seedling varieties account for the difference. The 2005 average U.S. all pecan price is $1.54 per pound (in-shell basis), down from 2004's average of $1.76. Total value of utilized production is 400 million dollars, up 22 percent from last season. Louisiana pecan production is estimated at 4.0 million pounds, compared to 8.0 million pounds produced in 2004.

Louisiana: Season Average Price and Value of Production[1]

Crop	Unit	Price Per Unit 2004	Price Per Unit 2005	Value of Production 2004	Value of Production 2005
		Dollars		Dollars	
Corn, Grain	bushel	2.45	2.25	135,608	100,980
Cotton Lint, All	pound	.414	2/ .469	175,867	2/ 252,134
Cottonseed	ton	102.00	87.50	30,090	34,388
Hay, All (baled)	ton	55.00	57.00	61,050	45,885
Rice, All	cwt	7.77	7.40	223,232	222,274
Sorghum, Grain	cwt	3.80	3.80	11,066	18,539
Soybeans, Beans	bushel	6.29	5.85	205,494	169,065
Sugarcane, All	ton	25.30	3/	279,995	3/
Sweet Potatoes	cwt	17.70	18.70	41,153	46,096
Wheat, Winter	bushel	3.40	3.20	28,050	15,360
TOTAL FIELD & MISC. CROPS				1,191,882	1,176,486
TOTAL FRUITS & NUTS				10,811	5,525
TOTAL COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES				819	---
TOTAL VALUE PRINCIPAL CROPS				1,203,512	1,182,011

United States: Season Average Price and Value of Production[1]

Crop	Unit	Price Per Unit 2004	Price Per Unit 2005	Value of Production 2004	Value of Production 2005
		Dollars		Dollars	
Corn, Grain	bushel	2.06	1.90	24,381,294	21,040,707
Cotton Lint, All	pound	.435	.490	4,853,730	5,574,119
Cottonseed	ton	107.00	95.50	877,372	808,598
Hay, All (baled)	ton	92.00	98.00	12,211,868	12,491,263
Rice, All	cwt	7.33	7.80	1,701,822	1,789,225
Sorghum, Grain	cwt	3.19	3.04	843,464	715,327
Soybeans, Beans	bushel	5.74	5.50	17,894,948	16,927,898
Sugarcane, All	ton	28.30	3/	821,118	3/
Sweet Potatoes	cwt	17.50	19.60	281,559	309,090
Wheat, All	bushel	3.40	3.40	7,283,324	7,140,357
Wheat, Winter	bushel	3.32	3.30	4,948,510	4,924,953

[1] 2005 crops are preliminary. Marketing year average prices do not include allowances or adjustments for commodities under government loan at the end of the marketing year, commodities forfeited to the CCC, crop deficiency payments or disaster payments. U.S. monthly prices, for all crops in the monthly price estimating program, are computing by weighting monthly state prices by monthly marketing for each state.
[2] Based on marketings and monthly prices received from August 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005.
[3] Available July 31, 2006 in the report titled “Agricultural Prices”.

Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class, United States, January 1, 2004-2006[1]

Class	2004	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	-----1,000 Head-----	----1,000 Head----	----1,000 Head---	Percent
All Sheep and Lambs	6,105	6,135	6,230	102
Market	1,606	1,602	1,591	99
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	4,499	4,533	4,639	102
Replacement Lambs Under One Year Old	702	771	786	102
Ewes – One Year Old and Older	3,610	3,573	3,657	102
Rams – One Year Old	188	190	196	103
Lamb Crop	4,096	4,125	----	----

[1] May not add due to rounding

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2006, totaled 6.23 million head, up 2 percent from both 2005 and 2004. The inventory began increasing in 2005 and has shown two consecutive year-to-year increases for the first time since 1987 and 1988.

Breeding sheep inventory increased to 4.64 million head on January 1, 2006, up 2 percent from 4.53 million head on January 1, 2005. Ewes one year and older, at 3.66 million head, were 2 percent above last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2006, totaled 1.59 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2005. Market lambs comprised 95 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-seven percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 14 percent were 65-84 pounds, 24 percent were 85-105 pounds, 35 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 5 percent of total marketings.

The 2005 lamb crop of 4.13 million head, was up 1 percent from 2004. The 2005 lambing rate was 115 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2005, up 2 percent from 2004.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2005 was 37.2 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2004. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 5.07 million head, down slightly from 2004. The average price paid for wool sold in 2005 was $0.71 per pound for a total value of 26.3 million dollars, down 12 percent from 29.9 million dollars in 2004.

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